

DETAILED ACTION

This is a supplemental allowance as a result of including unnecessary amendments to claims, not pertaining to this application, in the Examiner's amendment to the Allowance originally filed on 2/8/2008. The error has been corrected in the Examiner's amendment herein. Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gwendolyn D. Spratt (678-420-9300) on Feb 1, 2008.

In the claims:

In claim 4, line 2, delete "28,".

In claim 5, line 2, delete "28,".

In claim 27, line 4, delete "a) amino acids 1-1089 as shown in Figure 3 and".

In claim 27, line 5, delete "b)".

Cancel claim(s): 28.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The sequence deposited under ATCC accession No. 75058, as recited in claim 25 and the sequence in Figure 3 is free of the art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anna Skibinsky whose telephone number is (571) 272-4373. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marjorie Moran can be reached on (571) 272-0720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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